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Thank you! We have to push pause for just a second bc we are running down confusion on what was agreed to this morning. Plus we still don't have the updated data tables.

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Shiprock, New Mexico - August 15, 2015: Today, EPA has released additional water quality data from Aug. 7 to Aug. 9, 2015 on the San Juan River between Farmington and Shiprock, New Mexico. The August 7 data was collected for baseline purposes to understand river conditions at the Hogback monitoring location, prior to the impact of the upstream contaminants from the Gold King Mine release.

To assess the impacts of the release at the Gold King Mine, water quality samples were collected at four locations for 24 metals. Each surface water sample was analyzed for metals including arsenic, cadmium, lead and mercury.

The validated results indicate the EPA risk-screening level of recreational use is being met for all metals for the length of the river between Farmington and Shiprock, with the exception of lead on August 8. However, lead dropped below risk-screening levels on August 9.

Due to the highly variable conditions typical of this segment of the river, additional testing will be conducted, and we continue to work closely with the Navajo Nation EPA on assessing drinking water, agriculture, livestock, and other critical water needs.